

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/8/07(phone conf) and 7/19/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Clemin on 5/8/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

The heading, "**Cross-reference to Related Application**" as well as paragraph [0001] have been removed.

Amend claim 3 as;

3. A power implement support device according to claim 1 wherein said implement support assembly includes a generally vertical support member projecting outwardly from ~~said~~ one of said implement support member and said pivotal support member.

Amend claim 13 as;

13. A power implement support device according to claim 12 wherein said stop member ~~bar~~ includes a ramped surface for engagement by said lifting member to assist said curved member to override said stop member during latching.

Amend claim 14 as;

14. A leaf blower support device for mounting to a lawn vehicle, said leaf blower support device comprising:

a blower support assembly including ~~an~~ a blower support platform, a pivotal support member mounted thereto, a generally vertical support member projecting outwardly from said one of said blower support platform and said pivotal support member, and at least one generally horizontally-oriented support member mounted to said generally vertically-oriented support member at a position vertically spaced from said ~~implement~~ blower support platform for engagement by any straps associated with the blower;

a base support member for mounting to the lawn vehicle adjacent an operator seat thereof said base support member having said pivotal support member pivotably mounted thereto for movement of said blower support member between a blower use position and a blower starting position; and

a latching assembly having a first portion mounted to said blower support assembly and a second portion for mounting to the lawn vehicle to selectively retain said blower support platform in said blower use position, wherein said first portion includes a curved member pivotally mounted to one of said ~~implement~~ support member and said pivotal support member and wherein said second portion includes a stop bar for selective engagement and disengagement by said curved member, and wherein said curved member is mounted to one of said blower support platform

and said pivotal support member for pivotal movement of said curved member in a

generally vertical manner for latching engagement with and disengagement from said stop bar.

Amend claim 17 as;


17. A leaf blower support device according to claim 16 wherein said stop ~~member~~ bar included a ramped surface for engagement by said lifting member to assist said curved member to override said stop member during latching.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley H. Duckworth whose telephone number is 571-272-2304. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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